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REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Algeria*: draft resolution

United Nations conference on international migration and development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the permanent validity of the principles set forth in the basic instruments regarding the international protection of human rights, in particular in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ the International Covenants on Human Rights, 2/ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 3/ the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 4/ and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 5/

Recalling its resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990, by which it adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the International

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

4/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

5/ Resolution 44/25, annex.

Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, contained in the annex to that resolution,

Aware that, in spite of the existence of an already established body of principles, there is a need to make further efforts to improve the situation and to ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrants and their families,

Having considered the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, 6/ which took place in Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994,

Bearing in mind that migration has positive consequences for development and different types of impacts in both sending and receiving countries,

Emphasizing the importance of the integration of migrants into the host society with due respect of their religious and cultural background, and the need to extend to them the same social, economic and legal rights as are enjoyed by citizens,

Recognizing the vital importance of family reunification and the promotion of such integration in order to ensure the protection of the unity of the families of migrants,

Welcoming the adoption of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 7/ and the broad support for the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development,

Recalling the recommendations on the subject of international migration and development contained in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the International Conference on Population and Development; 6/

2. Decides to convene in 1997 a United Nations conference on international migration and development, of ten day's duration, at the highest possible level of participation;

3. Decides to establish a preparatory committee for the United Nations Conference on International Migration and Development open to all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies with the participation of observers, in accordance with the established practice of the Assembly;

4. Decides that the Preparatory Committee shall hold an organizational session of three days' duration in 1995, and two sessions in 1996 and one session in 1997 of one week's duration each, at United Nations Headquarters;

6/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1.

7/ Ibid., chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

5. Also decides that the Preparatory Committee, at its organizational session, shall elect, with due regard to equitable geographical representation, a chairman, three vice-chairmen and a rapporteur;

6. Further decides that the Preparatory Committee shall:

(a) Prepare the draft provisional agenda and draft rules of procedure of the Conference;

(b) Prepare draft decisions and recommendations to be presented to the Conference for consideration and adoption;

7. Invites all States to participate actively in the preparatory process of the Conference;

8. Calls upon all organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations, to contribute fully to the preparations for the Conference;

9. Invites interested non-governmental organizations, particularly those from developing countries, to participate in and contribute to the Conference and its preparatory process, taking into account procedures used at recent United Nations conferences;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report for submission to the Preparatory Committee containing recommendations on an adequate preparatory process and measures to be taken to prepare for the Conference, including the need for regional and subregional preparatory meetings, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution;

11. Decides that the preparatory process and the Conference itself shall be funded through existing United Nations budgetary resources, without negatively affecting its programmed activities, and through voluntary contributions to a trust fund to be established specifically for the purpose of funding the preparatory process and the Conference;

12. Decides to establish a separate voluntary fund for the purpose of supporting developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, in participating fully and effectively in the Conference and in its preparatory process, and invites Governments to contribute to the fund;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session an item entitled "United Nations Conference on International Migration and Development".